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Christmas Experience

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Welcome to

The Lyme Regis

Christmas Experience

IDYLLIC sloping streets draped in twinkling lights, a plethora of independent shops and enough festive events to keep the whole family entertained makes Lyme Regis the perfect place to celebrate Christmas.

In this special festive edition of the Lyme Regis Experience, we provide a definitive guide to yuletide within Dorset's most popular resort.

From a beautiful bouquet to a rousing round of golf, celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas with treats from Lyme's wide-ranging local businesses (see pages 10-15).

There's plenty of events to keep you busy this Christmas - from the big switch-on of the town's impressive illuminations to a bracing dip in the sea on New Year's Day, there's no chance you'll be bored in Lyme Regis this

December. And don't miss the special programme of Christmas events being held at both the Marine Theatre and Town Mill.

If you're looking to refuel after all the festive fun, take a look at our Dining Out section, including a couple of alternatives to the traditional turkey dinners.

And if that doesn't get you in the Christmas spirit, award-winning local photographer Richard Austin shares his snowy snaps of Lyme Regis in his latest Photo File (pages 16-17).

After another successful year, we would like to thank you all for supporting the Lyme Regis Experience Magazine and wish all of our contributors and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



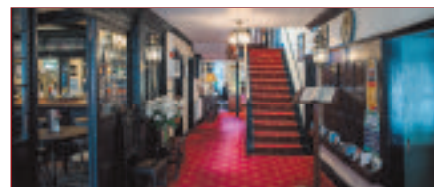
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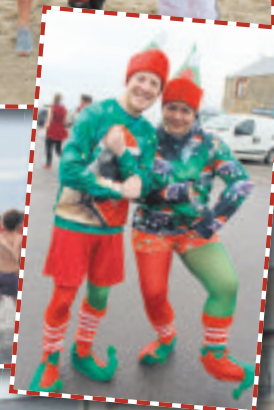
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Making a splash!

Dip into Christmas and lunge into the New Year!



IT'S easy to overdo it during the festive season, but if you're feeling fuzzy-headed, full-up and fatigued, blow away the Christmas cobwebs with a quick dip in the sea.

You can wash away that 'morning after' feeling with a Christmas Day dash to the water in Charmouth, or a New Year's Day splash in Lyme Regis – and don't forget your fancy dress!

It sounds crazy and, yes, it will be cold, but that doesn't put off hundreds of brave souls who dash into the waves wearing wigs, tinsel, rubber rings, fairy wings or wielding pirate swords, some making the events part of their own Christmas and New Year traditions by returning year after year.

Well done to them all, because not only do they bring festive cheer to hundreds of onlookers, they also help to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

The Christmas Day swim in Charmouth is held annually in aid of the RNLI, while the New Year's Day Lyme Lunge raises funds for Rotary Club charities. And don't worry, the lifeboat crew will be on hand at both events to make sure everyone stays safe in the waves, while hot toddies and soup are usually on offer on the beach.

Both events have become a firm staple in the local festive calendar – a favourite way for the over-

indulged to get rid of that pesky hangover before granny comes over, or work off that whole tub of Quality Streets you ate last night (although that may require a little more vigorous swimming!). And come rain, shine or snow they attract bigger crowds each year.

The Christmas Day Swim in Charmouth will be at 11am and the New Year's Day Lunge on Lyme Regis beach will be at 1pm sharp. The swimmers don't hang around long after their ice cold dip, so if you want to admire the costumes and soak up the festive atmosphere, it's advised to get there about half an hour early.



Duck Race

Don't forget, the New Year's Day duck race in aid of Lyme Regis Christmas Lights Committee will be held at 12noon before the Lyme Lunge, starting at Windsor Terrace, so why not cheer on your duck before taking to the water yourself?





FIND THE PERFECT PRESENT AT THE TOWN MILL



FROM its quaint, cobbled courtyard to its countless local crafts, there aren't many better places to get into the festive spirit than at the Town Mill.

Described as Lyme Regis' hidden gem, the historic working watermill was fully restored in the 1990s and now sits at the centre of the town's 'artisan quarter', off Coombe Street.

A whole programme of Christmas events will be held at the mill over the festive period, while its all-year-round attractions include a micro-brewery, two art galleries, café and restaurant, Kate's Kitchen selling local produce, as well as a jewellers, stonemasons, potters and dress-makers.

Treat the children to a magical visit to Father Christmas by climbing the winding staircase to his grotto on the sack floor, right at the very top of the mill. Children will be able to ice a Christmas

cookie to take home before meeting the 'man in red' for photos and a gift.

A trip to the grotto costs just £4 per child (£6 for two siblings or £10 for three). Families also have the option to join the miller-guided tour to learn more about the working watermill and the flour production process. You can even pick up a bag of Town Mill spelt, wholemeal or rye flours, milled in the traditional way and perfect for Christmas baking.

Father Christmas will be welcoming visitors from 12noon to 3pm, every day from Saturday, December 16th to Friday, December 22nd but spaces are limited so booking is highly recommended.

Scottie's Xmas Trees will be bringing their home-grown fir trees to the Town Mill this Christmas, freshly cut from their family farm just outside Honiton. In addition to their trees, they will also be

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Situated just in front of the Malthouse Gallery, come and pick your ultimate festive decoration from their selection – they will even deliver your chosen tree to your home if you live in Lyme Regis.

Scottie's will be displaying and selling trees and decorations at the mill on weekends from December 1st onwards, and daily from December 15th to 23rd until they sell out!

Join the Town Mill for its own 'Stir-Up Sunday' on Sunday, December 3rd from 10.30am to 3pm, when the whole family are invited to mix up ingredients for your own homemade Christmas pudding. Everyone takes a turn to stir the pudding mix from east to west and make a special wish for the year ahead at this traditional event, and you will go home with a pudding ready to be steamed.

Visitors will also be able to assemble and decorate their own freshly-baked gingerbread house. The mill

will supply edible walls and a roof, you can get as creative as you like with icing and sweets.

The Courtyard Gallery will transform into a festive pop-up shop selling vintage, retro and crafted items for the whole of December.

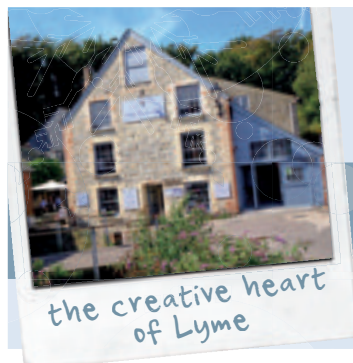
'Pop Up Vintage' will be in its seventh year at the Town Mill, and promises to be a veritable Aladdin's cave of lovely things – crafted, sourced, cleaned, repaired, renovated, recycled and all at attractive prices.

Over in the Malthouse Gallery, a Winter Art Fair will be running until December 13th, showcasing the talents of a select group of Town Mill Arts members.

From December 16th to January 2nd, visitors will be able to discover unique, handmade gifts in the 'Unwrapped' show, promoting a range of gorgeous items made by designers, makers and artists from across the South West.

With a tempting range of festive food and drink available from The Courtyard Cafe, Kate's Kitchen Bakery & Deli and Lyme Regis Brewery on offer, as

well as artisan Christmas present shopping opportunities at the Town Mill Pottery, Ad Lucem Jewellery, Lyme Stone and Sew La Did Da Vintage Sewing Sanctuary, don't miss all that the Town Mill has to offer this Christmas.



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LIGHTING UP
Lyme Regis
THIS CHRISTMAS





THE steep and idyllic setting of Broad Street in Lyme Regis lends itself to creating one of the prettiest Christmas lights displays on the south coast.

Residents eagerly await the big switch-on each year – the official start of Christmas in Lyme Regis – and the impressive display seems to continuously out-do itself, with more and more people come each year to see the lights twinkling above Lyme's Georgian architecture.

The ever-improving display has become the true legacy of six-times Mayor of Lyme Regis, the late Barbara Austin MBE. Fed up of Lyme's bleak Christmas illuminations, she set up a committee and worked tirelessly to raise thousands of pounds each year, transforming the town into a winter wonderland.

Since her death shortly after the 2012 switch-on, the Christmas Lights Committee has continued her good work under chairman

Christine Lovell, and Barbara has been honoured with a special lantern outside the Royal Lion Hotel.

The big switch-on is always carried out in true Lyme fashion – a parade, Father Christmas, fake snow, jolly festive tunes, warming mulled wine and plenty of “oohs” and “ahhs”. Even the grumpiest of Scrooges will struggle not to get into the Christmas spirit!

This year's festivities will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. Children are invited to join in a Christmas lantern-making workshop at the Baptist Church Hall starting at 3pm, or to bring along their pre-made creations for the annual lantern competition and parade.

Judging of lanterns will be held after the workshop at 4.30pm and the parade, including Father Christmas and Lyme Regis Majorettes, will set off down Broad Street at 5.15pm with the street lighting up as it goes. The big moment

will follow with the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, switching on the tree at 5.30pm.

The huge Christmas tree which stands at the bottom of Broad Street tops off the festive display and will be the focal point as the traditional 'Carols Round the Tree' service is held on Saturday, December 23rd from 7pm, with songs led by Lyme Regis Town Band.

The carol service is a festive favourite among residents and visitors, and has been organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis for 58 years.

The Rotary Club will also be holding their annual Christmas street collection in both Lyme Regis and Charmouth on December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, with funds raised this year going to Dorset charity TheHorseCourse, which helps young people to overcome serious problems, including behavioural issues.



THE BIG SWITCH ON *Saturday December 2nd*



The TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS

*On the first day of
Christmas my true love gave to me a...*

PENN FARM CHRISTMAS TREE

START your Christmas celebrations by picking the perfect pine from Penn Farm. The Chapman family has been growing Christmas trees at their Monkton Wyld farm, between Lyme and Charmouth, since 1976.

As well as providing a range of Christmas trees for our own homes, they also provide the huge 30ft Norway spruce, which is the centre piece of the Lyme Regis festive illuminations every year.

Penn Farm Christmas trees provide other species including the non-drop Nordmann fir, but it's the spruce which



are the most successful with the farm's north-facing aspect, perfect for the healthy growth of its full green foliage. They are also mostly left alone by the native roe deer, who find them less palatable than other varieties with softer needles.

Fir or fern, spruce or sprig, there is nothing quite like a traditional evergreen Christmas tree to give the perfect aroma and ambience of the festive season. Find Penn Farm on the A35 between Charmouth and Raymonds Hill.

*On the second day of Christmas my true love gave
to me... a glamorous gift from*

PEBBLES BOUTIQUE

ENJOYING its first year trading in Lyme Regis, Pebbles Boutique offers a large range of gorgeous garments and accessories for every budget.

Taking over a former butchers shop at the top of Broad Street, the historic building has received an extensive refurbishment, bringing many of the original features back to their best, enhancing the ambience of the interior and making the perfect backdrop for the carefully selected clothing and apparel.



Passionate proprietors Deborah and David made their first foray into the local retail scene with Amore at the bottom of the high street before opening Pebbles. They are keen to ensure you get the very best experience from your visit and have created a relaxing changing oasis - complete with ornate chandelier - where you can peruse your potential purchase until you're sure it's the right fit.

Since opening in spring, the shop's relaxing and opulent feel has become a hit with both locals and visitors alike.

Deborah and David at Pebbles are even planning to stock a small range of men's clothing in future and are always happy to act upon requests for any items, which will meet customers needs.



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For a treat to compliment your Christmas colour scheme, Teresa Fowler and her team will supply festive bouquets, table centres and garlands. No matter how large your venue, you'll be spoiled with stunning flowers, exquisite designs and impeccable attention to detail.

They offer reliable weekly deliveries of floral displays to offices, hotels, retailers and private homes and flowers replaced every week at the same convenient time.

There are also excellent discounts and commissions available, and there is no minimum contract, with prices starting from just £15.

House of Flowers will give you fresh long lasting bespoke displays, which will make you the envy of your friends.

Take a look at the new website www.houseofflowerslymeregis.co.uk where you can order direct to get competitive creative designs with free delivery.

And if you're looking to pamper yourself ahead of Christmas, Teresa also offers manicure treatments at her nail bar among the beautiful blooms in her shop, with acrylics as well as gel polish now available.



DAVID Manners came to art only in 2012 and despite his short time painting, his reputation for his peaceful seascapes and tranquil portraits is much sought after and growing rapidly. So much so, he has completed a portrait commission of the 2015 "Bake Off" champion Nadiya Hussain and her husband and also for the cover of a book by leading animal rights barrister, Noel Sweeney. The acclaimed artist has had the privilege of painting a portrait of President Obama and the First Lady, which he received a letter of accreditation for from the White House.

Entirely self-taught and painting only in oils, he is particularly inspired by the sea and how people and animals interact with it.

"I love the idea of the anonymous rear view portrait. The viewer can decide who the person is and where they are. I don't particularly like to have to explain what a painting is all about. I simply enjoy painting images of peace and tranquillity".

His popular style has already led him to open a gallery in Wilmington, North Carolina, another in Durango, Mexico, and has had exhibitions at the Louisville Visual Art Association, Kentucky, the Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam and in Chelsea Old Town Hall in London.

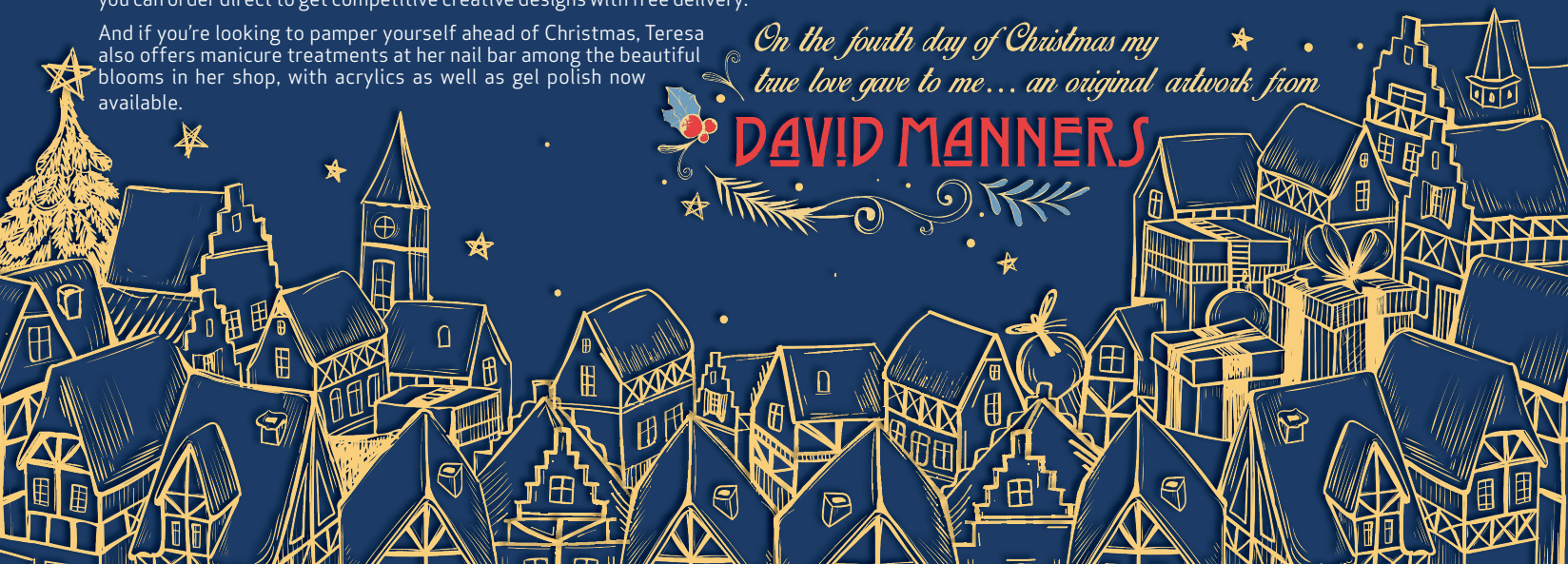
Having exhibited in the UK, Europe and the Americas, he undertakes affordable commissioned paintings of all subjects, offering a high quality framing service to suit the needs of the client and their home.

In addition to his original paintings, David produces affordable limited edition prints of many of his popular works which are all available for purchase from his website: www.davidmannersart.co.uk, from as little as £20.



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TUCKED away on Silver Street in Lyme Regis is Lyme's much loved coffee house, Amid Giants and Idols - open daily for coffee, teas, homemade cakes, sandwiches and warming home cooked winter soups, served with locally baked artisan sourdough bread. While you are there, check out the range of coffee and tea-making accessories and equipment, bespoke hampers and freshly roasted coffees and fine teas - perfect gifts for Christmas.



On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me... a pick-me-up from artisan coffee house

AMID GIANTS & IDOLS

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me... a round of 18 holes at LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB

ACHALLENGE for any golfer regardless of skill, Lyme Regis Golf Club allows visitors and members alike to experience a round of unforgettable enjoyment with quality golf assured and breath-taking views to match. Now an England Golf Championship venue, the course occupies a cliff top location with coastal views over the Jurassic coastline towards Portland Bill and overlooks the historic town and World Heritage Site of Lyme Regis.

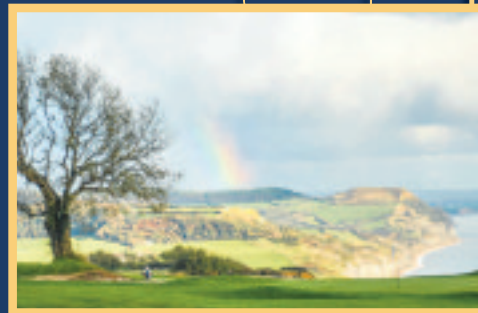
What better present to give this Christmas than the gift of golf? With the current offer of 15 months membership for the price of 12 there has never been a better time to become a member of one of the best clubs in the south west.

The club boasts a full length driving range with individual bays, fully stocked pro shop, Huxley all-weather chipping area, indoor custom-fit swing studio and a Today's Golfer Top 50 coach, Duncan Driver, part of a team of three PGA professionals.

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Also in store is a massive range of present ideas from Cowshed, True Grace and Somerset Toiletries, if you want something smelly, to fantastic little clutch bags (£17.50) and handbags from Katie Loxton as well as beautiful Joma Jewellery (from £12.99) which come in their own gift bags.

Gifts for the kids, (large and small!) from Lagoon Games include the bestselling Potato Zapper (£6.50), Tabletop Origami (£7.50) & Solarbot (£10)

And of course, we have a wonderful range of extra cute Jellycats - from £8.75.

An extensive range of Christmas lights from Sirius includes the professional outdoor Topline range, which allows up to 2000 LED lights to be strung from one plug! The Slimline outdoor range, with 200 Lights on a 100ft string (£29.99) a 200 Light Net (£35) and a large range of indoor LED decorations.

We can't wait to show you our full range so come on in!



YOU MAY have noticed that 'The Slice' has been going through some changes. Not only has it had a bit of a facelift inside and outside but we are having a change of name...a re-brand so to speak.

The new sign should be going up soon to read 'Joes - Artisan Pizza and Gourmet Burgers'.

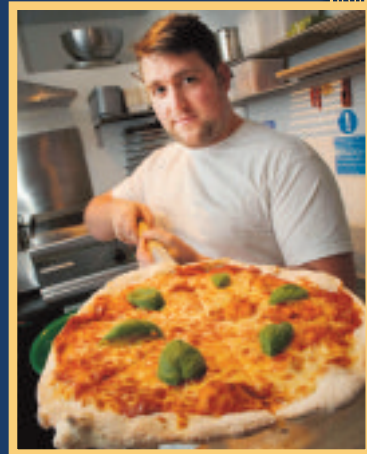
And, guess what else? We are going to be doing 'Secret Dinner Parties' every now and then. The first one is on Friday, November 24th and you can either come at 6pm or 8pm whichever you like.

The food will be all homemade and there will be plenty of it! We expect you to have a really nice time, in fact Joe, his mum and his lovely girlfriend will all be there to make sure that you do.

All the seats are pre-book only as there are limited spaces, why not buy a couple of seats for a Christmas gift for someone?

You bring your own wine and we will provide the rest.

Oh and just a reminder, Joe makes all his own dough which make his pizzas really delicious and for the gourmet burgers, he uses all 100 percent Aberdeen Angus beef so they taste very good indeed!



On the eighth day of Christmas my true
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PERFECTLY tucked away, just a stone's throw from the historic Cobb and sandy beach, you'll find an idyllic style oasis, offering an ever growing range of both great clothing brands and high quality gifts.

Ruby and Oscar, has continued to grow in popularity over the last few years, with owners Carol and Garry choosing only the very best garments and apparel to fill the beautiful boutique.

Stocking an impressive array of on-trend labels including, Weird Fish, Hatley, Nomads and Suzy D, the contemporary emporium is the perfect place to pick up this season's must have fashion items. With a vast array of jewellery available, every outfit can be perfectly accessorised.



There is also an extensive and exciting range of gifts available for every occasion and a selection of greeting cards to add just the right sentiment to every present.

Situated just behind the Harbour Inn, Ruby and Oscar can offer a convenient way to fill your wardrobe with treats for the coming winter.



On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me... the latest fashion designs from

RUBY & OSCAR

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me... a sweet treat from
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To make present giving easy there are gift bags and boxes available in all of our flavours already gift wrapped ready for under the tree, and if you still can't find something you're looking for then we can make up a box especially for you.

Pop in and see us this Christmas and have a free taste of Christmas fudge at 62 Broad Street, Lyme Regis, opposite the Christmas tree!



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LYME BAY PHOTOGRAPHY

ARE YOU looking for a unique gift for your family this Christmas? Why not book a family photo shoot with Lyme Regis based photographer Rob Coombe of Lyme Bay Photography? Rob has developed a reputation locally as a talented photographer who captures some wonderful natural and candid images.

For just £75 Rob will provide you with a one hour photo shoot at a location of your choice. All images will be professionally edited and will be provided to you in high resolution in both colour and black and white, in digital format.



Rob said: "The thing I love photographing the most is people. I don't like staged photographs as smiles are often forced, I like to have as much fun as possible and capture as many natural smiles as I can."

Vouchers for family shoots are available as Christmas gifts, please contact Rob on lymebayphotography@gmail.com or 07921 556723 for more information.

Rob can also be hired for weddings and special events, please visit lymebayphotography.com to find out more.

AFAMILIAR component of the Lyme Regis shopping district, Arthur Fordham and Co is the friendly local ironmonger, which offers a wide range of hardware, Christmas gifts and attractive cookware, perfect for a festive party or a bit of DIY over the holiday period.

The shop is well known for their eye-catching window displays, which entice locals and visitors alike into the Aladdin's cave-style premises. Once inside, you will find yourself spoilt for choice, with big name brands including Joseph Joseph, KitchenCraft, Judge and special prices on a range of Stellar.

As well as selling everything you could possibly need to turn your humble abode into a palace, the local experts also provide a popular key cutting, watch battery and strap replacement service. Dulux paint mixing is also available in store.

Especially for yuletide, you'll find an excellent array of festive treats, with stocking fillers and attractive dining essentials to help make your Christmas table resplendent.



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Deck the halls

Following last year's hugely successful event, Lyme Regis Christmas Tree Festival will once again be held over a weekend to allow for more visitors to enjoy the festive spectacle.

The festival will be held between Friday, December 15th and Sunday, December 17th in the Pine Hall of Lyme Regis Baptist Church, and local organisations are being invited to decorate the trees.

Twinkling lights and Christmas music make this the perfect place for a little quiet reflection over the festive period, while also raising funds for the good causes taking part. Local groups wanting to take part must book their tree for a small charge in advance, and are invited to decorate it to reflect their organisation on Thursday,

December 14th between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Information, leaflets and collection tins can also be left with the trees.

From the poppy-clad Royal British Legion entry to the majorettes' flashy pink decorations, the festival truly shows off the diverse range of voluntary organisations in the town.

The festival will be open to the public from 11am to 5.30pm on the Friday and Saturday, and from 12noon to 8pm on the Sunday, with a Carols by Candlelight service also taking place in the Baptist Church at 6.30pm that evening.

Organiser Alan Vian said: "This is now becoming a special Christmas event in Lyme with more than 500 people visiting it. This year we also hope to offer coffee during opening hours. We are hoping that even more organisations will take part this year especially as it will be open over the weekend when it will attract the most visitors. Do help us to make this special event a success."

Those interested in taking part should contact Alan or Lynne Vian on 01297 442220 or email alan@alanvian.co.uk to receive further details or book a tree by December 11th.

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BOUTIQUE BEAUTY SALON

LOOKING to escape the hustle and bustle of the high street while Christmas shopping? Or perhaps you need to glam up before the office party?

A relaxing and tranquil oasis awaits you at the new In Harmony beauty salon in Lyme Regis, which has opened just in time for the festive season.

Owned by Lisa Galvani and her husband, who already run a successful salon in Wells, Somerset, the new branch of In Harmony has opened in the former premises of the In The Pink salon in Silver Street, and has already gained a huge amount of interest from residents and visitors.

The new-look salon has been completely opened up, creating a light, bright and airy space with a "touch of sparkle".

Lisa said: "We want people to come off

the busy high street and enjoy the peace and tranquility and somewhere to relax."

In Harmony will be selling award-winning Elemis products for the face and body, and offering all Elemis facial treatments, both hands-on facials and electronic using a biotech machine, which helps with muscle lifting and drives products deeper into the skin.

Other treatments available will include gel manicures and pedicures, massage including Thai foot massage, reflexology, waxing, lash lifting, slimming wraps and In Harmony's popular back blitz, which is like a facial for the back.

Make-up will be offered in the New Year for special occasions such as weddings and proms, and the salon will

also be offering CryoPen treatments, which freezes unwanted skin conditions.

In Harmony - which will be taking on more local staff in the future - opened this week and is now taking appointments for the run up to Christmas, with some special offers for the festive season as well as Elemis gift sets on sale.

Lisa said: "We're looking forward to welcoming everyone from Lyme Regis and the surrounding area to the salon."

The salon will be open 9.30am to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.30am to 8pm on Thursdays and 9.30am to 4pm on Saturdays. Call Lisa and her team on 01297 445138 to make an appointment. You can also visit the website inharmonylymeregis.co.uk



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THE marine theatre

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A Christmas ball and a free film screening are the two leading events in a busy festive season at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis.

ON **Saturday, December 16th**, guests at the Friends' Christmas Ball will be treated to a complimentary glass of prosecco with a piano reception. There is also live music and dancing with headline jive band the **Ding Dong Daddios**. The ball is open to the public but those with Marine Theatre Friend membership receive a ticket free of charge.

Gabby Rabbitts, the new director of the arts venue, explained: *"The key to the future success of the Marine is to place it at the heart of the wonderful community here in Lyme. Alongside volunteers, our Theatre Friends provide support within the town and I am finding the group a great way to get feedback - this is my way of thanking them."*

"People can become a friend from only £25, only a little more than the ticket price of £18."

This is a real incentive to become a friend and I encourage all to join.

"Throughout the year there's a host of other benefits, such as discounts on ticket prices and theatre show coupons. It's win-win, as the idea is that people support to the theatre by becoming a friend, whilst getting great benefits."

There are three cinema events scheduled at the theatre over the Christmas period, starting on December 9th with a sing-along screening of the hit Disney musical 'Frozen', where fancy dress is encouraged.

It is hoped the community will come together for a free screening of the Christmas classic 'It's a Wonderful Life' on December 20th.



New Director: Gabby Rabbitts



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Whats on This Christmas at the Marine Theatre

Gabby said: "I have always loved this film, and I hope that families will come and enjoy this complimentary event. As we anticipate the screening to be very popular, we ask those wishing to attend to collect their free tickets in advance from the Marine Theatre to avoid missing out."

On **Thursday, December 21st** families can enjoy a yuletide double-bill of Raymond Briggs' 'The Snowman' and 'Father Christmas' with all tickets at **£2.50**. Hot chocolate, mulled wine, warm mince pies and Christmas treats will be available to enjoy with the films.

There will also be a great opportunity to shop locally for unique Christmas presents at the Marine Market on **Sunday, December 10th**. A gathering of the best artisan and craft goods in Dorset, the Christmas market promises to have handmade gifts that make ideal gifts.

Having previously managed the Electric Palace in Bridport, Gabby took over as director of the Marine Theatre in October and is hoping to put the venue back at the heart of the community.



Headliners: Ding Dong Daddios

She said: "I passionately believe in arts for all people. While the Marine is called a theatre, its remit will be far broader than theatrical productions for a few. It's an entertainment venue to cater for the whole community."

"From the new season in January, there will be events that cater for the widest possible tastes that will see participation from everyone in the town and surrounding

area. Whether it's a folk gig, comedy night or a children's film, the Marine will offer something to everyone."



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Free entry

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Sat 9 Dec, 2pm
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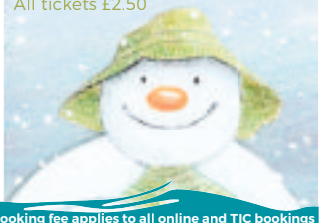
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Boat Building Academy Lyme Regis

Gail McGarva: Story Boat

WOODEN fishing boats bobbing up and down in Lyme Regis harbour is no unusual sight, but a completely unique vessel overlooking the bay has been causing a ripple among residents and visitors this year.

The Story Boat is described as a 'miniature maritime memories museum'. The creation of local boat builder Gail McGarva, she is currently sited outside the Marine Theatre and provides an enchanting space for oral history recording and exhibitions celebrating Dorset's maritime history.

A champion of the craft of traditional boat building, Gail won a scholarship to build a fishing boat called a lerret, which had been wholly native to Lyme Bay since the 17th century. Researching the lerret, she began collecting stories from fishing families about their past and their relationship with the sea, and also became the guardian of 'Vera', one of only two remaining seaworthy lerrets, built in 1923 and fished from Langton Herring.

In 2011, Gail received support from the Heritage Lottery Fund to travel around the Dorset coast with her daughter lerret 'Littlesea', built based on 'Vera', so that local people could learn about and enjoy

the stories of this unique vessel and the Dorset fishing communities.

Six years later, the next chapter in this maritime tale came to fruition. Gail worked with Colyton-based wheelwrights Rowland & Son to give a new lease of life to 'Vera' by transforming her into the Story Boat, a completely unique space for sharing maritime memories.

The Story Boat – funded by the Arts Council, West Dorset District Council, The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, G.F Eyre Trust and other local sponsors – was unveiled in September, when Gail and supporters pulled the vessel in her 'maiden voyage' from Monmouth Beach to her current home outside the Marine Theatre, where she will remain in residence until December 17th.

The boat has since attracted much attention from residents, visitors and theatre-goers, with Gail opening her creation every day and inviting all to 'climb aboard'.

She said: "Visitors of all ages have been enchanted by the miniature maritime world of the Story Boat, hearing inside the memories of people who have fished with the mother boat Vera of 1923 and

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other lerrrets, in search of mackerel along the pebbled shores of Chesil Beach.

"Further Lyme-based memories are being recorded and preserved of people working out at sea in many different types of vessels in search of many a different type of catch."

The Story Boat oral history collection will ultimately be archived in Lyme Regis Museum.

Gail has been holding children's workshops inside the Story Boat where they hear the stories of the mother boat and her curious memory objects. Children share their own stories of the sea and try their hand at boat building in miniature form.

Local songs of the sea are also being recorded inside the Story Boat.

Gail is holding a Story Boat hootenanny - an informal gathering of local singers and

musicians performing songs of the sea - on Sunday, November 19th from 1pm onwards. Come along and enjoy the atmospheric music resonating from the Story Boat on the sea terrace along from the Marine Theatre.

Following a sell-out performance of the project's 'Voices of the sea' in September, this haunting performance piece will be staged again at the Marine on Sunday, December 17th at 7pm and, to mark the end of the residency at the Marine Theatre, there will be a procession of the Story Boat along the Cart Road to the Cobb on Monday, December 18th.

Plans are now being formed for the Story Boat to visit primary schools along the coast so that many more children may delight in the magical world of the Story Boat during 2018.



Gail McGarva. British Empire Medal for Services to Traditional Clinker Boat Building. Trained at the Boat Building Academy.



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David Ruffle



ALTHOUGH always a fan of Arthur Conan Doyle's work, it wasn't until David Ruffle moved to Lyme Regis that he started writing his own stories based on the famous author's beloved characters, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson.

Originally from Northamptonshire and later living in Oxfordshire, David first visited Lyme Regis in January 2004 and, having fallen in love with the town, he moved here the same year.

It was in his new hometown that he was first inspired to put pen to paper, starting with poetry and short ghost stories, and eventually self-publishing his first Sherlock Holmes pastiche, 'Sherlock Holmes and the Lyme Regis Horror'.

"I've always been a big fan of Sherlock Holmes," said David.

"There's so many pieces of work in that market, so I started picking up books by authors other than Conan Doyle. Some didn't really work, but instead of criticising them I decided to write one myself."

"It just started out as a small scene in Baker Street and I came back to it several months later."

David's debut became the second best-selling novel in local bookshop Serendip. He was later picked up by MX Publishing – the world's largest Sherlock Holmes publisher – and has continued to bring tales of murder and mystery to the streets of Lyme Regis, with 'Sherlock Holmes and the Lyme Regis Legacy' and 'Sherlock Holmes and the Lyme Regis Trials' completing his first trilogy.

The budding author took a different approach with 'Holmes and Watson End Peace' – a story made up completely of dialogue between Holmes and a dying Watson – and the risk paid off as the book won David his best reviews yet.

His love for Conan Doyle's characters have also seen David branch out into children's literature, having released the popular 'Sherlock Holmes and the Missing Snowman' for Christmas 2012, illustrated by local artist Rikey Austin.

In more recent years, David has moved away from his favourite characters to write his "dark and disturbing" tale 'The Abyss', telling the story of Jack The Ripper from the serial killer's own perspective, as well as those of his victims. In complete contrast, he has also written a comedy trilogy 'A Twist of Lyme', which includes a few familiar names and places.

But it seems the appeal and intrigue of Holmes and Watson is as strong as ever, as David is currently working on another novel 'Sherlock Holmes and the Scarborough Affair' with his partner Gill, as well as an 'autobiography' of Dr Watson and a stage adaptation of his first novel, 'Sherlock Holmes and the Lyme Regis Horror'.

David, who has also worked at local newsagents Quality Corner in Lyme Regis since 2010, has built up quite a following for his work across the globe. He has contributed short stories to Holmes and Watson collections, had his books translated into Russian, Italian and Spanish, and 'Sherlock Holmes



and the Missing Snowman' has been used as a study aid in schools in Scotland and America.

Speaking about the challenges of writing about such famed characters, David commented: "I often get asked whether permission is needed to use the characters of Holmes, Watson, etc. In fact, the characters are in the public domain and have been since the year 2000, although long before that date authors were using the characters.

"I try to replicate the rhythm of Conan Doyle, because his writing had a very distinct rhythm unlike other Victorian writers. Hopefully people see a lot of Conan Doyle in there, but obviously you have to put a lot of yourself into it as well."

For the latest news and details about all of David Ruffle's publications, visit his blog www.storiesfromlymelight.blogspot.co.uk. The books are available in Serendip and Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre, as well as on Amazon and other book-selling websites, where e-book versions are also available.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN LYME REGIS 2017

Winter Art Fair

**Friday, November 24th -
Wednesday, December 13th**
At the Town Mill, open daily from
10.30am to 4.30pm, entry free

Pop-Up Vintage

**Friday, December 1st -
Tuesday, January 2nd**
A pop-up shop at the Town Mill, open
daily from 10.30am to 4pm

Christmas Bingo

Friday, December 1st
In aid of Cancer Research UK and held at
the Woodmead Halls, eyes down 8pm

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, December 2nd
At the Fernhill Hotel between Lyme
Regis and Charmouth, open 1pm to
4.30pm in aid of CLIC Sargent

Switch on Saturday

Saturday, December 2nd
Lantern making workshop at Baptist Church Hall,
3pm; lantern competition, 4.30pm; parade down
Broad Street, 5.15pm; switch-on of lights 5.30pm

Christmas Auction at Lyme Regis Football Club

Saturday, December 2nd
Hot food, mulled wine and mince pies
available from 5pm, auction from 7pm

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 3rd
Solists Philippa Hyde and Paul Esswood
perform at St Michael's Parish Church at 4.30pm

Over 70s Christmas Lunch

Saturday, December 9th
Annual Christmas lunch at the Woodmead
Halls - for ticket holders only

Sing-along screening of 'Frozen'

Saturday, December 9th
Held at the Marine Theatre.
Details at www.marinetheatre.com

Christmas Marine Market

Sunday, December 10th
At the Marine Theatre,
11am to 3pm, free entry

Christmas Social, Seed Swap & Bulb Planting

Wednesday, December 13th
Organised by Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural
Society at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival

**Friday, December 15th -
Sunday, December 17th**
Lyme Regis Baptist Church, open daily
from 11am to 6pm, entry free

Marine Theatre's Christmas Ball

Saturday, December 16th
with live music from the Ding Dong Daddios,
7.30pm. Tickets £18 from www.marinetheatre.com

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN LYME REGIS 2017

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th
Lyme Regis Town Band will be playing
at the Woodmead Halls, 2.30pm

'It's a Wonderful Life' screening at the Marine Theatre

Wednesday, December 20th
A screening of 'It's a Wonderful Life' will
be shown at the Marine Theatre, 7.30pm

'Back-to-back Screening 'The Snowman' and 'Father Christmas'

Thursday, December 21st
'The Snowman' and 'Father Christmas'
at the Marine Theatre, 2.30pm

Carols Round the Tree

Saturday, December 23rd
Organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme
Regis in Broad Street, 7pm

Christmas Day Swim

Monday, December 25th
Raising funds for the RNLI, 10.30am on
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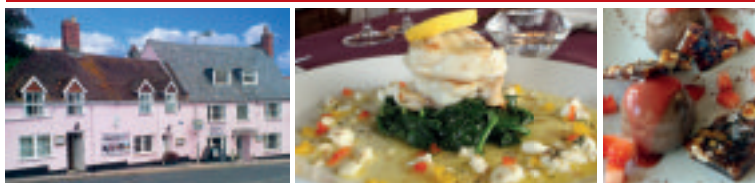
Duck Race

Monday, January 1st
In aid of Lyme Regis Christmas Lights,
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Lyme Lunge

Monday, January 1st
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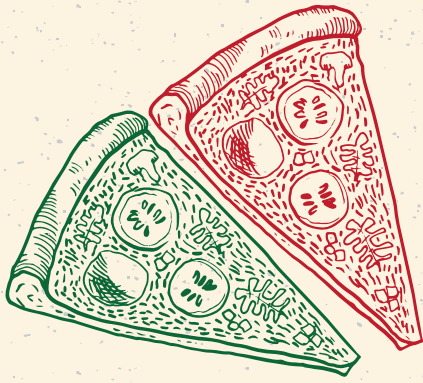
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LYME Bay Pizza on Marine Parade has recently launched its winter menu with lots of new dishes as well as some old favourites.

They like to keep the menu fresh and interesting to all their regular customers, working with the same ethos of contemporary ingredients and combinations with big flavours at competitive prices. Lyme Bay Pizza also caters for all dietary requirements so no one feels left out. Bring your dog along and they will also get a treat!

If you're looking for a venue for a party over the Christmas period, Lyme Bay Pizza can cater for all

occasions, offering buffets, sit down meals or bespoke menus with one, two or three courses. There is a fully licenced bar where there is a range of beer, ciders and local ales, as well as wines from all around the world, spirits and soft drinks.

Bookings are now being taken for Christmas parties with two courses for £19 and three courses for £23, including a glass of mulled wine, coffee and mincemeat palmier.



If you're looking for a festive flavour but are fed up of traditional turkey, why not try the Christmas dinner pizza instead, complete with roast turkey, smokey bacon, sausage, chestnuts, sage and onion and finished with cranberry sauce? There's also a veggie Christmas pizza on the menu and other festive delights, such as a mulled wine poached pear or chocolate and chestnut cake for dessert.

The pizzeria is also launching a winter lunch deal – for just £6 you will get any 8" pizza and a selected soft drink.

Lyme Bay Pizza is starting children's pizza making parties. You can have a party for 10 to 16 children with instructions from the chef on how to make their very own pizza, with the toppings they like and baked fresh. All children will also get a dessert and unlimited squash. A fun, activity-filled afternoon for only £12 per child.

The delivery service is back and this time it's bigger! You can now enjoy a pizza in the comfort of your own home from Wednesday to Saturday 5.30pm to 9.30pm. Deliveries are now available to Charmouth, as well as Lyme Regis and Uplyme.

Lyme Bay Pizza will also be hosting quiz nights on the first Wednesday of each month, with arrival at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Groups of up to four people are welcome, and tickets will be £10 per person for entry and food. Prizes will be available for the winning teams and booking is essential.

Keep a look out on Facebook, Twitter and the website www.lymebaypizza.co.uk for promotions and special offers over the Christmas period. Call 01297 442699 to book a table or email info@lymebaypizza.co.uk for more information on events and special offers.



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AS the festive season approaches and the autumnal days get shorter there's nothing better than wrapping up warm, popping on your boots and heading down to Lyme Regis for a bracing walk along the beach. On your travels you may have noticed a change to one of the restaurants on the beach front. Now called The Bay, it's owned and run by the guys who brought you The Stable Pizza restaurants. Big plans are brewing with a total refurb pencilled in for the new year.

Talking of brewing, their coffee is very good indeed, using Extract Coffee they've selected the finest beans which are roasted to perfection. It's proving to be a very popular destination as word is getting round.

The Bay sits in the middle of Marine Parade on the beach in Lyme Regis with uninterrupted views of the beautiful Jurassic Coast. On a crisp winter morning who wouldn't want to be tucking into an

amazing Big Bay breakfast with Denhay Farm smoked bacon, free-range eggs, sourdough toast and Dorset Old English sausages? If that doesn't float your boat, how about Severn and Wye smoked salmon with scrambled eggs or The Bay's homemade granola with greek yoghurt and fresh fruit?

After breakfast take a walk down the promenade breathing in the fresh sea air, guaranteed to get your appetite going, you're in luck as The Bay also has a great lunch menu. Freshly made soups are on offer along with local crab sandwiches, homemade falafels, salt & pepper calamari, Goan chicken curry, mushroom risotto and don't get us started on the burgers!

Did we mention the burgers? Maybe, briefly – they are good, seriously good! Since their introduction on the menu mid summer they have taken off. The best chuck steak is used in the burgers with names like The Bay Classic, The Porky Pig, and The Smokin Bob, along with non-beef options like The Big Bird chicken burger or The Veg-a-matarians with falafels and grilled halloumi. They have proved so popular it sparked the creation of The Thursday Burger Deal. A burger, fries & a pint for £10, what's not to like?



The guys at The Bay like to do things slightly differently, especially for Christmas, their theory is that you can get a Christmas turkey roast with all the trimmings anywhere but where can you get a Panko breaded turkey burger with melted cheese, sausage patty, smoked bacon, cranberry jam & mayo all served on a toasted brioche bun with french fries? You can also get it with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for £15. This is all part of the Christmas burger deal they have running at The Bay throughout the festive season. There's an amazing choice of burgers on offer with a Bubble n Squeak burger, a Pork Belly and Blue Cheese and a panko breaded fish burger to name but a few. All homemade and all delicious. Pop down and try one.

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Growing up in nearby West Bay, Lyme Regis was the perfect location for local chef and restaurateur Mark Hix to open his second restaurant, celebrating its tenth year in April 2018.

The menus at HIX are built around the long-established, personal relationships that Mark has with his suppliers and use only responsibly produced, carefully sourced and simply served British seasonal ingredients.

A keen forager himself, wild food is always featured on the Fish House menus with local sea vegetables complimenting simply cooked fish and seafood, landed along the Dorset coast and here in Lyme Bay. Throughout the autumn and winter a delicious set menu is served alongside the daily a la carte, starting at £19.50 for two courses.

The wine list reads as a charming tour of the local vineyards including Furleigh Estate, Lyme Bay and boutique vineyard, Castlewood. So, it's not surprising to see Hix's own label beers, made locally by Palmers alongside a seasonal cocktail list showcasing local spirits.

The Fish House can accommodate large groups and private parties, offering a selection of feast menus, designed to share. With a license

for wedding ceremonies, you can enjoy your special day from start to finish in this stunning and intimate setting all year round.

HIX's Meet the Producer dinners are a great opportunity to learn about the food and drink direct from the growers. A four-course dinner featuring their produce takes place every month throughout the winter.

Located a short walk from HIX Oyster & Fish House, HIX Townhouse features eight luxury double rooms and suites, personally designed by Mark alongside British artists and local producers, all individually themed around his passions. With honesty bars in every room and an open kitchen for late night snacks, the Townhouse is a home-from-home experience.

Away from the restaurant, Mark shares his passions and skills at his Kitchen Table experiences, welcoming guests into his Charmouth home for a four-course lunch once a month. These are a must-have gift for any foodie, and with plenty of time to chat to Mark while he cooks for only eight guests in this intimate setting, you'll leave with a goody bag of HIX treats and recipes, and of course plenty of tips to use at home.

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in Lyme Regis



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THE OAK ROOM RESTAURANT

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THE Royal Lion Hotel, Lyme Regis, welcomes residents and non-residents to enjoy the luxurious surroundings of 'The Oak Room Restaurant'. It is a perfect setting for an intimate dining experience, coupled with an extensive selection of wines and of course excellent hospitality.

Join us for dinner during December and choose from our exclusive festive menu. We are now taking bookings for tables of four or more, so why not get together with your family, friends or work colleagues to create a memorable Christmas?



CHRISTMAS FESTIVE MENU

Friday 1st - Saturday, December 23rd

Starters

Cream of Cauliflower Soup
with truffle oil & croutons

Crab, Chilli & Lime Fishcake
with tartare sauce, crispy capers dressed leaves

Smoked Ham Hock & Leek Terrine
with ciabatta crostini, piccalilli & rocket

Main Courses

Roast Dorset Turkey
Pan gravy, chestnut & apricot stuffing, sausages wrapped in pancetta & roast potatoes

Poached Salmon Supreme
Sauce Veronique, braised kale & new potatoes

Goats Cheese & Cranberry Tortellini
Basil sauce, baby leaf spinach & roasted chestnuts

**Accompanied by chef's selection
of fresh vegetables**

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding
with brandy butter & sauce anglaise

Bitter Chocolate & Hazelnut Tart
with raspberry ripple ice cream

Fresh Fruit Salad
with pink champagne sorbet

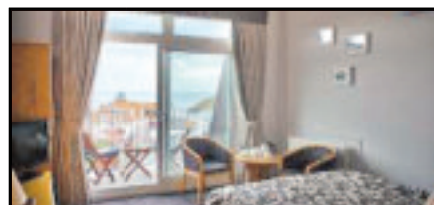
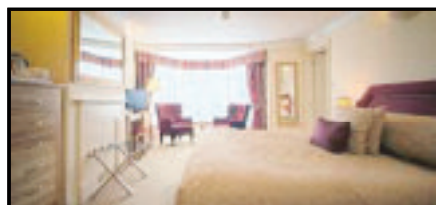
£21.95 per person for two courses
£26.95 per person for three courses

*Please advise us if you have any particular
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DINING OUT

in Lyme Regis

PENNY BLACK

37 Broad Street - 07843 111783



You'd be forgiven for thinking you'd stepped back in time as you cross the threshold into Penny Black, the popular vintage tearoom set just behind the Lyme Regis Post Office. A relaxing enclave, which will fill you with a joyous nostalgia, the cafe boasts all of the charm of a 50s diner, with rock and roll music gently burbling in the background, while the aesthetically pleasing images of the era's biggest stars adorn the walls. Marilyn Monroe and Audrey Hepburn gaze down, as you sup on your coffee and enjoy a slice of homemade cake, while relaxing within the quirky vintage quintessence.

The tranquil oasis was taken over by Sophie Bye in September 2016, a brave young businesswoman, who while bedecked in authentic period finery, has ensured Penny Black's continued success and maintained its place as one of the most beloved establishments in Lyme Regis.

The café is named after the world's first adhesive postage stamp used in a public postal system, which features a profile of Queen Victoria. They still remain highly sought after today and were recently voted as the world's favourite stamp by collectors.

Along with her partner, Sophie has cleverly coupled the imagery of the iconic stamp, with her love for the golden era of rock and roll and made a place where both local and visitors

alike can enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of contemporary living.

The American thick shakes are a real hit with regulars, with a fantastic choice of flavours including peanut butter, Oreo and Nutella, coupled with a big helping of dairy ice cream, make a luxurious creamy treat.

Breakfasts, lunches and light bites are what the foodie haven is perhaps best known for, with everything freshly made to order using the finest local ingredients. You can choose from jacket potatoes, toasties, wraps and sandwiches with a wide range of fillings and also the option of gluten free bread.

Why not try one of Sophie's homemade scones, with a warming hot chocolate or a cooling ice cream float within the calming courtyard garden, which offers an al fresco dining option?

Penny Black is open daily from 9am-5pm so you can enjoy the rhythms of your favourite old time rockers at any time of day.



Penny Black

People and Dogs are Warmly Welcomed!

Homemade Light Lunches & Cream Teas

Children Free Options Available

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Just Us Behind the Post Office

Vintage Inspired Tearoom & Garden

BLACK DOG

Lyme Road - 01297 444063



Rod and Sonia at Black Dog Tea Room in Uplyme just love tea, they have nearly 30 different types ranging from white tea, green tea, oolong tea to herbal infusions such as Detox and Passion or fruit blends such as Blackcurrant Pop or Red Berry Burst.

They have a tea for every occasion, and the latest addition Lyme Regis Blend is no exception, it is a combination of Assam, Darjeeling and oolong teas, all coming together beautifully to give you a satisfying and refreshing afternoon tea. The teas are available to be enjoyed in the tearoom or the new summerhouse overlooking the well presented gardens, they can also be bought to take away in attractive tins or boxes as perfect gifts for tea lovers. To compliment the teas a large range of For Life teapots and mugs are also stocked for sale, the benefits of these are that they come furnished with a

fine mesh infusion filter making loose leaf tea drinking easier and cleaner.

With the temperatures now beginning to drop a hearty bowl of tasty soup served with a home made roll is a most welcome sight, so if you are passing, or doing the river walk from Lyme Regis to Uplyme you can reward yourself with one of Rod's tasty broths (there are normally two or three to choose from). Black Dog Tea Room is also dog friendly so don't forget to bring your furry friend.



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